

Application No.: 10/635734

Docket No.: IIW-030

REMARKS

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner deems claims 7-12 and 17 to recite patentable subject matter. Applicants rewrite claim 7 as independent claim 1. Applicants further incorporate the limitation of claim 7 into all other independent claims. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 3-6, and 18-20 are amended; claims 7-12 and 17 are canceled; and dependent claims 21-22 are added. Hence, claims 1-6, 13-16, and 18-22 are pending, of which claims 1, 13-16, and 18 are independent.

Claim Objection

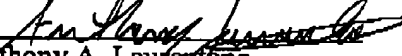
Claims 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, and 20 are objected to as being of improper dependent form. Applicants amend claims 1, 3-6, and 18-20 to address the Examiner's concern. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the claims.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this statement. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. IIW-030 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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